

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1846

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 1846 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to increase the maximum claim amount that determines District Court jurisdictions in civil cases from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Government Employees Insurance Company and Property Casualty Insurers Association of America.

Your Committee finds that this measure will increase the parties' and their attorneys' power to choose whether to file a civil case in District Court or Circuit Court if a claim is under \$40,000, rather than \$25,000. Parties choosing to file their civil case in District Court could save time and money due to District Court's simpler procedural system.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1846, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,

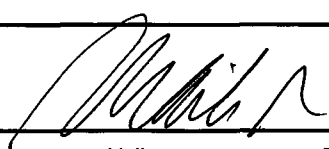
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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HB 1846</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">JDL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/21/14</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-left: 50px;">  </div>				
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